



# Harriniva and Jeris - Northern Lights Quest



**HOLIDAY TYPE:** Small Group

**VISITING:** Finland

**BROCHURE CODE:** 2011

**DURATION:** 4 nights

## In Brief

Whether you choose to stay at Harriniva or its sister hotel Jeris, you will find the warmest of welcomes awaits you at the heart of this Arctic region.

Surrounded by snow-covered forests and frozen lakes, there is no better backdrop for your Aurora hunting adventures and during the day you will embrace the thrill of dogsledding and snowmobiling in this unique environment.

## Our Opinion

“ *These were two of the very first hotels we ever featured in Lapland and it still feels like home each time I get to go back! This holiday is the perfect balance of Lapland’s most popular winter activities, Aurora hunting and also some time to relax and soak in the incredible part of the world you are in.* ”

Amy Hope



## What's included?

**ALL OF THE EXPERIENCES AND SERVICES LISTED BELOW ARE INCLUDED IN THE HOLIDAY PRICE**

- **Duration:** 4 nights
- **Flights:** flights from London Heathrow to Kittila (via Helsinki). Flight routes are subject to change.
- Return airport transfers
- **Accommodation:** 4 nights double/ twin hotel room at either Hotel Harriniva or Hotel Jeris
- 4 breakfasts, 4 dinners (option to upgrade to full board available)
- **Activities:** husky safari, secrets of the Northern Lights and Aurora Snowtrain, Northern Lights hot tub or Arctic Sauna World Visit (depending on accommodation choice), Snowmobile safari (the order of activities is subject to change)
- Cold weather clothing for the duration of your stay
- Tea and Coffee at the hotel
- Daily hotel sauna
- Fully qualified wilderness guides and instructors
- Aurora Alert until 1am
- 24/7 assistance from our UK-based operations team and in-destination support from our local partners

## Trip Overview

Harriniva Wilderness Hotel is situated 230km above the Arctic Circle and at 67 degrees north, it is ideally located within The Aurora Zone. Our Northern Lights Quest includes various excellent daytime activities to ensure you see the best of Lapland, with huskies and snowmobiles on the agenda.

Most importantly though, for the avid Aurora Hunter, there are evening activities which will give you the best opportunities to achieve your goal of seeing the Northern Lights. Depending on how active you want to be on your holiday you can also add in additional Aurora Snowshoeing activity too. See our '[Personalise](#)' section for more information.

The guides at Harriniva are also in close mobile contact with other local Aurora hunters so in effect, they have the region covered. If the Lights start dancing, your guide will be one of the first to know!

This holiday includes an introduction to the science behind the Northern Lights to understand more about how and why this incredible natural phenomenon appears. You will also head out on an Aurora Hunt by Snowtrain to go and seek the Aurora away from any artificial light pollution. We also provide all guests with access to an Aurora app which can be added to your smartphone as an additional aid (this operates until approximately 1am).

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## Agenda

Please note the order of activities is subject to change

DAY  
1

ARRIVAL AND INTRODUCTION

Upon arrival in Lapland, you will be transferred to your accommodation at either Hotel Harriniva or Hotel Jeris. You will check in to your rooms before dinner in the hotel restaurant. You'll be provided with the information for your Aurora app and we also recommend taking a wander in the area surrounding the hotel just in case the Lights appear to welcome you.

**Included Meals:** Dinner

DAY  
2

HUSKY SAFARI, AURORA WORKSHOP AND NORTHERN LIGHTS SNOWTRAIN SEARCH

A husky safari truly encapsulates the spirit of Arctic adventure and today you will head into the wilderness with your eager team of dogs on a 15km safari through this stunning winter wonderland. The enthusiasm the dogs share for the trail is infectious and this is sure to be a real highlight.

Our guides are all local experts and have a real passion for the Lights and their region - they make ideal Aurora hunting companions. The guides are always keen to share their knowledge and experiences and so this evening you will receive a short Aurora workshop. The aim of the workshop is to give you the background information you will need before your inaugural Northern Lights adventure.

Together with your guide, you will head out into the wilderness in a specially-made sleigh pulled behind the guide's snowmobile. You will head out of one of several Aurora viewpoints (there is that expert local knowledge again!) where the guide will light a campfire and everyone can enjoy a warm drink and snack around the fire. Everyone will keep their eyes skywards to hopefully enjoy a Northern Lights display too!

**Included Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

DAY  
3

## FREE DAY AND AURORA HOT TUB OR ARCTIC SAUNA WORLD

Today we have left free for you to relax at the hotel. Alternatively, additional activities can be booked (please see the '[personalise](#)' tab for more details) or you just hire some winter equipment (payable locally) like snowshoes or cross-country skis to try out some of the local's favourite past times at your own pace.

This evening it is time for a bit of pampering which will vary depending on where you are staying. At Harriniva you will take the short walk to the hot tub area where you can sit and soak in the warm water (remember your hat!) and look out on the frozen river below which has been the site for numerous lucky Northern Lights viewers before you!

If you are staying at Hotel Jeris then we have included entry to the Arctic Sauna World this evening. Built in 2019 this spa setting is home to four different element saunas to relax and unwind. There is also an option for an ice dip (for the very brave!) the sauna world looks out to the frozen lake Jerisjärvi where the Northern Lights are commonly seen by guests in the hotel and locals alike.

**Included Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

DAY  
4

## SNOWMOBILE SAFARI

Today is all about speed! After breakfast you will head out on a thrilling snowmobile safari, allowing you to explore much further into your winter wonderland surroundings. Full instruction and tuition will be provided before you head into the wilderness, crossing frozen lakes and winding through forest trails. The safari will cover approximately 30km.

A final dinner in the hotel restaurant and last opportunity for any additional Aurora hunting activities or why not upgrade your final night to an Aurora Dome or the Arctic Firefox lodge (see our '[Personalise](#)' tab), to end your stay in real style!

**Included Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

DAY  
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## TRANSFERS, FLIGHTS AND FAREWELLS

Today you will transfer to the airport to catch your return flights home after a truly memorable adventure in Lapland.

**Included Meals:** Breakfast

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# Personalise this tour

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## Our pick



### Northern Lights Snowshoeing

There can be no more peaceful way of searching for the Aurora than on snowshoes. You will be out and about for around two to three hours in total and warm drinks, guides, instruction and equipment are included.

**Activity level:** Medium

**Available:** Wednesday and Saturday at 9.15pm

**Duration:** 2-3 hours (approximately)

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## Other options

### ACTIVITIES



## Local Culture

Reindeer herding is intrinsic in Lappish culture. During this activity, you will gain an authentic insight into this tradition at one of the oldest reindeer farms in Finland.

You will learn all about the fascinating history of the family who used to live here and visit the museum on-site.

You will also meet the animals as they pull you in a traditional sleigh through the forest.

Lunch is served in a traditional Lappish Kota around an open fire. You will also see the impressive Winter Village Snow Hotel which is situated next to the farm.

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**Duration:** 3-3.5 hours (approximately) including lunch

**Minimum group size:** 2 adults

**Suitable for:** Aged 4 years and over.

**Available:** Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10:40am

SPECIAL NIGHTS



## Arctic Firefox Lodge

For an exclusive experience, guests can choose to upgrade to the exceptional Arctic Firefox Lodge at Jeris for a night during their stay. This lakeside retreat offers panoramic views across Lake Jerisjarvi. You can spend your evening unwinding in your very own private sauna, before heading upstairs to your cosy bed, where unobstructed views of the night sky and the Arctic wilderness await. You can snuggle up in bed and gaze at the sky above you and if the Northern Lights appear above you, it really will top off this magical night. Your stay in this very special accommodation includes entry to

Arctic Sauna World, bathrobes and slippers.

Prices vary depending on dates and availability. Please speak to our Travel Experts for a quotation.

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## Included Accommodation

Other options are available - see below for details.

### Harriniva Wilderness Hotel (Nights: 1-4)



Ideally located in the north-west corner of Finland, high above the Arctic Circle and in the very heart of the Aurora Zone, Harriniva Wilderness Hotel serves as a perfect base for your adventure holiday.

Owned and run by the Pietikäinen family, the hotel has developed a growing reputation for its warm ambience and a large range of enjoyable activities on offer.

## Hotel facilities

The hotel has a range of facilities that have been designed to make your stay here as enjoyable as possible.

- There is free Wi-Fi throughout the main building for guest use, in our experience, we have found it works best in the main reception and dining area
- The hotel restaurant has a lively, buzzing atmosphere as people excitedly discuss the adventures they have taken part in that day. The meals are served in a buffet style with two or three choices for each course. The food here is hearty and wholesome
- The hotel also has a pub serving a range of beers, wines and spirits - this is the perfect place to unwind and relax with your fellow guests in the evening
- Tea and coffee are available free of charge throughout the day in the hotel restaurant / bar area.
- In the main reception area of the hotel, you will find a small gift shop selling a range of postcards, soft toys and handcrafted products. There is also a selection of snacks that can be purchased
- A sauna is available for guest use with separate facilities for men and women. This is free of charge and is heated every evening for around three hours
- The hotel also has an Aurora Wellness Centre (situated a short walk away on the riverbank), where you can enjoy a range of therapies such as facials or massages. A real treat after a day of soaking up the pristine wilderness! During peak periods, we would strongly recommend booking therapies in advance through reception (all payable locally and we recommend booking in advance if possible)
- Snowshoes and cross country skis are available to hire for a small charge and there are marked trails surrounding the hotel for those with some experience. For those interested in downhill skiing, reception will be able to arrange a taxi to the nearby ski resort of Olos (payable locally)

## Room types

### Wilderness plus rooms

Decorated in traditional Scandinavian style, these bedrooms were refurbished in 2018. The rooms include double/twin beds and an unfolding sofa suitable for 1 adult or 2 children. All rooms have an en-suite shower room and a hairdryer, as well as a small seating area.

### Double/twin rooms

Harriniva has 64 guest bedrooms which consist of twin or double rooms. Triple rooms are also available on request. Decorated in traditional Scandinavian style, all rooms have an en-suite shower room and a hairdryer.

### Wilderness Suite

Spacious wilderness style room, decorated in traditional Scandinavian style, these rooms were refurbished in 2018. Located on the ground floor, close to reception these rooms include double/twin beds and an unfolding sofa suitable for 1 adult or 2 children. All rooms have an en-suite shower room



and a hairdryer, as well as a small seating area.

## Safari House

For those travelling on our longer husky or snowmobile experiences, your nights at the hotel will be spent in shared accommodation in one of Harriniva's Safari Houses. Each has sleeping facilities, a shower room, toilet and a sauna. Some safari houses are on site, whereas others are located 3km from the hotel. If you are staying off-site, you will be transferred to and from the hotel for meals.

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# Other accommodation options

Contact us for a personalised quote.

## Hotel Jeris



Hotel Jeris occupies an enviable location which is 20 kilometres from the nearest village and is located directly on the shores of Lake Jerisjärvi. It is this remote position that makes the hotel an enchanting forest retreat.

The hotel is owned and run by the Pietikäinen family, who also manage the neighbouring sister hotels of Harriniva, Kittila and Torassieppi.

Their hotels are some of our most popular accommodation options in Finland, having received high praise for their knowledgeable guides and exciting activity options.

The hotel consists of a central building and 32 winter cottages in the adjacent forest.

## Hotel facilities

- Your meals will be served in the hotel restaurant, which offers a rustic menu of traditional and local Finnish dishes. Meals are served buffet-style with one or two options for each course. Guests can enjoy local delicacies, such as salmon and reindeer. The hearty food here is ideal for setting you up for your adventures in the snow.
- There is a small lounge area where guests can relax in the evening and take advantage of the hotel's free Wi-Fi.
- Tea and coffee are available free of charge throughout the day in the hotel restaurant/bar area.
- A significant feature of Hotel Jeris is the wonderful Arctic Elements Lakeside Spa. Renovated for winter 2019/20, the spa is the first of its kind in Finland, with strong eco-credentials, thanks to its use of entirely renewable electricity and geothermal heating generated from the Jerisjärvi lake. There are four saunas here each inspired by an element; earth, fire, water and air and each named after Finnish gods and goddesses. Included are a traditional smoke sauna and plenty of areas for relaxation. Spa area entry is included in the majority of our trips (see what's included for details), but if not you can book entry via the reception for a daily fee. For the Aurora enthusiasts, there is also an upgrade option to the special Northern Lights sauna which offers panoramic views of the night sky. If conditions are favourable, this could be one of the most relaxing ways to see this fantastic light display. For the brave (and healthy) you can complete your sauna experience with a dip in the ice pool - a Finnish tradition.
- A small selection of souvenirs is available for guests to purchase (including postcards and local handicrafts and snacks) in the reception area.

## Double/twin rooms

In the main hotel building at Jeris, there are 27 comfortable traditional bedrooms. All guest bedrooms have an en-suite shower room, a drying cupboard and television. A limited amount of hairdryers are available from reception.

## Harriniva Riverside Cabins



Set in a picturesque, riverside location and ranging from 39m<sup>2</sup> to 47m<sup>2</sup>, Harriniva's Riverside Cabins are ideal for larger groups, or those wanting a little more space and privacy during their trip. Each cabin sleeps five people in total, with a main bedroom for two people, a lower ceilinged loft area (accessible by a steep ladder) sleeping a further two people and a pull out sofa bed in the lounge. Fully-equipped with kitchen facilities, including a stove, dishwasher and fridge, and with a cosy living

room, you can relax and enjoy your own space in complete comfort. Each cabin even has its own private sauna, perfect for keeping warm after a long day out in the cold.

Credit: Antti Pietikainen

## Jeris Winter Cottage Type A



The Type A Winter Cottages (36 square metres) are generally located around a 10-minute walk from the main hotel building. The cottages are ideal for couples looking for a private retreat.

The cottages can vary slightly in size but all can sleep two to four people. They consist of one spacious room with a sleeping alcove for two people and a pull out sofa bed for two more. All the cottages are privately owned; consequently, the decor and style can vary. Each cottage contains a cosy wood-burning stove, a kitchenette, a television, a shower room and a private sauna.

Cabin guests will receive a small 'starter pack' of firewood. Further wood supplies can be purchased locally for approximately 10 euros.

**Please note:** a limited number of hairdryers are available to borrow from reception.

Please contact our Travel Experts for a quote.

## The Specifics

### Holiday group size (approximate)

Minimum numbers required for this holiday to run vary from 2 to 10 people (depending on the departure date). Maximum 30 people (approximately). Please speak to our Travel Experts for further information.

### Group Size

We always try to provide an approximation of the group size you can expect to be with for the duration of each of our holidays. It may be that you are joined by others for parts of your holiday (such as transfers and particular activities) but the above number reflects those you can normally expect to be with from beginning to end. If group size is something which is particularly important to you, please speak to our Travel Experts and they can suggest the best holidays for you.

Tailor-made holiday group sizes will vary for all activities as will the group size for any additional activities you book.

## Minimum numbers required for a holiday to operate

Some of our holidays require a minimum number of participants to operate (as listed in the 'Group Size' section). If your holiday departure has not yet reached the minimum number, you will be told at the time of booking. In the unlikely event that your chosen date is not guaranteed by nine weeks before your scheduled departure date, we will contact you to discuss the available options as per our [booking conditions](#).

## Minimum and maximum age

If a specific minimum age applies to this holiday, it can be found in the Key Facts box on the holiday Overview page.

Unless otherwise stated in the Key Facts box on the holiday Overview page, the minimum age for participation in an Aurora Zone holiday is typically 12 years old (there may be younger children in some destinations who have booked with other companies). If an adult-only environment is important to you, then please contact our Travel Experts and they will advise on the best dates and destinations for you. If you are looking for a holiday designed specifically for families then please see our sister company [www.activitiesabroad.com](http://www.activitiesabroad.com).

## Itinerary amendments

The order of activities listed in this agenda is provided for guidance only, your final and detailed itinerary will be provided either with your final travel documents (which are uploaded into your online account around a week prior to departure) or upon arrival.

## Terms and Conditions

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